



August 21, 2014

Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania is a place most well-known for its beauty and history in Pennsylvania Dutch Culture. What is lesser known is that Lancaster County is an area that has seen a rise in poverty over the last ten years. There has been an unsettling 93% spike in the number of Lancaster County residents using the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, according to The Coalition Against Hunger's report "State of Hunger: Pennsylvania 2013." As CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster, I have seen this need grow first hand.

As a community organization leader that supports all children, especially those in need, I support the Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction. I am fortunate enough to be in an area that is a part of a Comcast market. Comcast has demonstrated its commitment to community investment, and through the proposed transaction, the benefits we have enjoyed from our partnership with Comcast will be extended to people in need in communities that have not yet had the opportunity to experience this type of partnership. It would be wonderful to see the Boys & Girls Clubs in the current Time Warner Cable markets have the opportunity to experience the same support we have had here in Lancaster, PA.

The Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster has been fortunate enough to partner with Comcast and in 2012 was the recipient of thousands in donations from the company. This money was used to improve computer lab facilities, which has given us the opportunity to serve more children who may not otherwise have access to a computer or the Internet outside of school. That partnership has been renewed in 2014, and we look forward to the amazing opportunities it will bring for kids in our community.

In a community where financial hardship is on the rise, it has become critically important to provide all American families with access to the Internet. Comcast continues to invest in lower income communities by providing affordable broadband Internet connections through its Internet Essentials Program. According to Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, Lancaster County saw a rise in the number of children accessing the National School Lunch Program. Internet Essentials is available to families who have one or more children eligible to participate in the program - which is why it has continued to grow and positively impact our local community in a way that, without Comcast, may not have been possible. Comcast began Internet Essentials in 2011 as a three-year program, but it has made such an impact that the company recently extended it indefinitely and has committed to instituting it in areas served by Time Warner Cable currently if the transaction is approved.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America have also had the opportunity to partner with Comcast through Comcast Cares Day. In a unique opportunity Comcast employees along with their friends and partner organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Club, worked to clean parks, community centers and local schools. This program has grown to be the largest single-day corporate service event. It would be incredible to see the program grow into new areas where countless additional people can benefit from this day of service.

Because of my ever-growing partnership with Comcast through the Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster, I support the transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. I want all of the children have the same opportunity that ours have had here in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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Karen Schloer
Chief Executive Officer